

R.I. Greenways Council

*Evaluation Criteria for Local Greenway Project
Applications Under the 1998 State Greenways Bond Program*

I. Project Significance30 max.

Max of 5 points each

- a. Magnitude of project (acreage, length, perimeter/area ratio, etc.)
- b. Number and types of greenway-related uses accommodated
- c. Accessibility of project site/facility to potential users
- d. Regional scale of opportunities provided
- e. Relationship to other community development projects
- f. Innovative features or project value as model/demonstration
- g. Project cost-effectiveness
- h. Potential to leverage non-state financial contributions

II. Provision of Greenway Benefits and Amenities.....30 max.

Max of 10 points each

- a. Significance of Environmental Benefits & Amenities Provided (includes the following)
 - protection/restoration of water quality
 - provision of storm water/flood management
 - protection/restoration of wildlife habitat
 - protection/restoration of air quality
 - protection/reclamation of hazard lands
 - reclamation of "brownfields"
- b. Significance of Recreation/Cultural Benefits & Amenities Provided (includes the following)
 - expansion/enhancement of recreational opportunities
 - protection/enhancement of scenic values
 - protection/enhancement of historic/cultural values
 - provision of environmental education and awareness
- c. Significance of Transportation Benefits & Amenities Provided (includes the following)
 - connections provided between public greenspace, populated areas, community facilities and business centers
 - linkage with other greenway system elements
 - linkage with other transportation system modes

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- d.* Significance of Economic Benefits & Amenities Provided (includes the following)
 - protection/enhancement of agricultural values
 - protection/enhancement of silvicultural values
 - expansion/enhancement of tourism
 - support of urban revitalization
 - effective utilization of existing infrastructure
 - maintenance/enhancement of community character and quality of life

III. Support of State and Local Plans and Goals20 max.

Max of 5 points each

- a.* Support of goals and policies of the State Greenspace and Greenways Plan
- b.* Support of land use policies and plan and other elements of the State Guide Plan
- c.* Support of land use and other goals and policies of applicable Local Comprehensive Plan(s)
- d.* Support of an adopted Greenways Master Plan
- e.* Promotion of compact development patterns and prevention of urban sprawl
- f.* Degree of public support

IV. Other Considerations20 max.

Max of 5 points each

- a.* Service to economically disadvantaged populations
- b.* Arrangements for continuing stewardship and maintenance
- c.* Relative priority assigned to project
- d.* Evidence of due diligence
- e.* Special features for disabled persons
- f.* Community applies “greenway-friendly” land development regulations to project area

100 points max. score